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ADM. WRIGHT IS APPOINTED TAIPEI ENVOY

Will Succeed Kirk Who
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Of Ill Health

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(Washington Bureau of The Sun)
Washington, April 5—Adm. Alan Kirk, who has resigned as United States Ambassador to Nationalist China because of ill health, will be succeeded by Adm. Jerauld Wright, President Kennedy announced today.

The Ambassador-designate received as Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, as well as commander in chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet in 1960, but was restored to active duty with his appointment to the Central Intelligence Agency as a member of the Board of National Intelligence Estimates.

Mr. Kennedy named Admiral Kirk as Ambassador to Taipei in June, 1962.

"Important Addition"

In a letter accepting his resignation, the President said he had made an "important addition to the strengthening of relations between the United States and the Republic of China.

"This mission," the President wrote, "which you undertook at my request not quite a year ago, was the latest in a succession of vitally important tasks you have assumed on behalf of your Government.

"Your service in the United States Navy which culminated in your commanding United States naval forces for the Normandy invasion in World War II, your service as Ambassador to Belgium, as Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and now as Ambassador to China constitutes an enviable record of achievement for which you and your family should be justly proud and for which your country owes you deep gratitude."

In Africa Mission

Admiral Wright, a native of Amherst, Mass., graduated from the Naval Academy in 1917 and served on a destroyer during World War I.

He was in both the Atlantic and the Pacific during World War II, and was the naval member of Gen. Mark Clark's mission which landed by submarine behind enemy lines in North Africa in 1942.

In other business today the President talked for a half hour with Gov. Petronio Portela Nunes of the Brazilian State of Piaui, the most impoverished section of northeast Brazil, and the visitor described the Chief Executive as being committed to overcoming the difficulties that have impaired the Alliance for Progress program.

"More Effective Coordination"

The Governor said afterward that red tape has hindered the first phase of the program, but he thinks that "we are now entering the second phase in which you will see more effective coordination between Latin American agencies and the Alliance for Progress program."

The White House announced that a son and a grandson of Winston Churchill will attend the White House ceremony Tuesday when the former British Prime Minister and war leader will become an honorary American citizen. Those coming to see Mr. Kennedy sign the bill are Randolph Churchill and his son Winston.

The wartime Prime Minister will witness the ceremony by "live" television, transmitted to England by a communications satellite.